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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2880

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INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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ASWAN FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, SY

SUBJECT: BOMB EXPLOSION IN DAMASCUS

1. AT ABOUT 1215 LOCAL MARCH 7, BOMB EXPLODED OUTSIDE
BAATH PARTY (MUHAJJARIN) DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATED
APPROXIMATELY TWO BLOCKS FROM PRESIDENCY, FOUR BLOCKS
FROM EMBASSY AND DIAGONALLY ACROSS STREET FROM EMBASSY
MARINE HOUSE. WINDOWS BLOWN OUT ON FIRST AND SECOND
FLOORS AND BUILDING ACROSS STREET. SHUTTERED DOOR
ON MARINE HOUSE, FIFTY FEET AWAY, FORCED INWARD.
EMBASSY OBSERVER REPORTED THAT AMBULANCE CAME TO SCENE
AND DEPARTED EMPTY SHORTLY THEREAFTER, SUGGESTING
NO CASUALTIES. NO FURTHER INFORMATION AT THIS TIME.

2. COMMENT. THIS IS FIRST BOMBING IN DAMASCUS
SINCE MID-JANUARY EXPLOSION NEAR HOTEL HOUSING
KING FAISAL'S PARTY. TIMING OF THIS EXPLOSION
IS DAY BEFORE NATIONAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATING ANNI-
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VERSARY OF BAATH PARTY'S ASSUMPTION OF POWER IN

SYRIA (MARCH 8, 1963).

3. CHOICE OF TARGET SUGGESTS EXPLOSION RELATED TO
BAATH PARTY POLITICS AND NOT RPT NOT TO SECRETARY'S
FORTHCOMING VISIT TO DAMASCUS.
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